

Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that claim 1 is a linking claim for the inventions of Group I. Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that, in accordance with MPEP 809, "should any linking claim be allowed, the restriction requirement must be withdrawn."

Applicants additionally wish to respectfully point out that this Restriction Requirement imposes a substantial burden on Applicants. The present application provides a detailed specification with extensive working examples that abundantly support the generic claims currently presented. Imposition of this burdensome Restriction Requirement significantly undermines Applicants' ability to efficiently and effectively prosecute the present application. Accordingly, Applicants' election is with traverse, and Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to withdraw this Restriction Requirement and to reinstate the Restriction Requirement to which Applicants replied on January 7, 2004.

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 constitute the pending claims in the present application, and Applicants elect with traverse inventions of Group II. If any clarification of the above response would facilitate prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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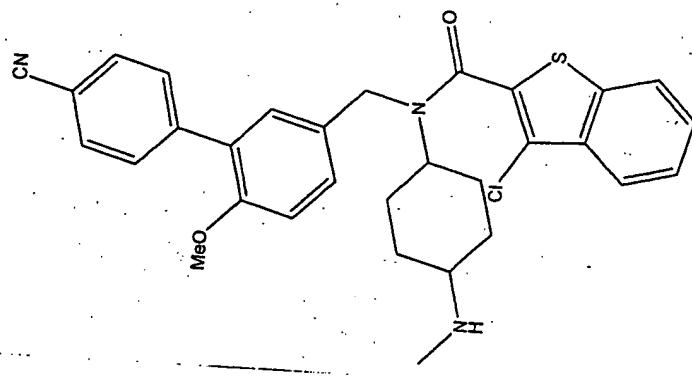


Exhibit 1